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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HECKMONDWIKE

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1950.

It is safe to say that the health of the District has remained satisfactory throughout the year.

With one exception, the changes in the Vital Statistics are so small as to call for no comment. The exception is in the Infant Mortality rate. This shows a considerable fall from previous years and is, in fact, the second lowest figure yet recorded in the Urban District. None of the three Infant Deaths could be regarded as wholly preventable at the present time, although the care of the premature infant is a subject which is receiving increasing attention from the Child Health Services.

While the Infant Mortality figures show such an improvement, attention must be drawn to the age group 15 to 25. In this age group 2 of the 3 deaths were due to Road Accidents. Except for the toll of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (itself a steadily decreasing cause of death), this is essentially an age group of health.

In the occurrence of Infectious Diseases there was a high incidence of Measles, but fortunately none of the cases was fatal.

For the first time for some years no case of Diphtheria was notified.

The District was also free from Poliomyelitis. While no case of Food Poisoning was notified, there were 12 cases of Sonne Dysentery, a disease which must be regarded as closely allied to Food Poisoning in its method of spread.

The demand by expectant mothers for accommodation in hospital for their confinements shows no sign of decreasing, in spite of the fact that the National Health Service provides a Doctor, and a trained Midwife without any direct charge to the patient, and the Local Health Authority provides a Domestic Help in a great many cases also without any charge. During the year 102 (66.7%) of all registered births took place in institutions.

Dr. Agnes Jervis has furnished a detailed report on the work of the Ante-Natal Clinic. This report appears on page 9.

The work of the Day Nursery and of the Ante-Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics, controlled by the Local Health Authority, continued successfully throughout the year.

The Health Visitor pays regular visits to mothers and children in their own homes, and in addition to this work pays supervisory visits to all cases where a Home Help is giving service.

The Home Help Service was maintained throughout the year in spite of difficulty in obtaining sufficient personnel. This difficulty is mainly due to the extensive employment of women in industry in this District.

In the Sanitary Services the most important item this year has been the adoption by the Council of Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, relating to the Hygiene of Food Distribution and Manufacture.

It is hoped that these measures will assist in improving the standard of Food Hygiene throughout the District.

There is particularly room for improvement in the distribution of food, and special attention is drawn to the remarks of the Sanitary Inspector on this subject.

It is however satisfactory to note improved conditions relating to the sale of ice-cream from vehicles.

The re-housing programme shows an improvement compared with last year. A paragraph of some significance in the report on housing shows that a number of applicants on the waiting list for houses are not prepared to accept the newly-built houses which, because of present day costs of construction are let at a much higher rent than houses built before the war.

I am indebted to Mr. J. Clark, the Council's Sanitary Inspector, for the report on the Sanitary Services.

I also wish to thank Miss K. Lister, Chief Clerk in the Divisional Health Office, for her assistance in producing this report.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. F. CAITHNESS.
Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health —

J. F. CAITHNESS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare —

FREDA M. COX, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (Assistant County Medical Officer—W.R.C.C.)

AGNES W. JERVIS, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., (St. And.) (Part-time)

Sanitary Inspector —

JAMES CLARK, M.S.I.A.
ONE CLERK.

Health Visitor and School Nurse —

ELSIE WORTHINGTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. (New Cert.)

Day Nursery —

EDITH MAIR, S.R.N. (Matron)

MARGARET M. LARGEY, S.R.N. (Deputy Matron)

3 STAFF NURSES. 1 WARDEN. 2 NURSERY ASSISTANTS. 3 NURSERY STUDENTS.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in Acres)	696
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate)	8864
Number of inhabited houses	2977
Number of separate families	3110
Rateable value	£51,239
Product of Penny Rate	£197 7s. 6d.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS—The Net Live Births (79 Male, 70 Female) ... 149
The Birth Rate is therefore 16.8

STILL-BIRTHS—Number (2 Male, 4 Female) 6
Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population 0.68

DEATHS—Totalled (52 Male, 56 Female) 108
Giving a Death Rate of 12.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY—
No death was returned.

INFANTILE MORTALITY—
Deaths of Children under One Year number (3 Female) 3
Giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of 20.1

DIARRHŒA UNDER TWO YEARS—No Death was returned.

Comparative Figures—

Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population	England and Wales		148 Smaller Towns		Heckmondwike			
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1947	1948	1949	1950
Live Births	16.7	15.8	18.0	16.7	24.6	17.2.	16.7	16.8
Still Births	0.39	0.37	0.4	0.38	0.57	0.23	0.34	0.68
Deaths (all causes)	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.6	15.1	11.8	13.2	12.2

Rate per 1,000 Live Births—

Infantile Mortality	32	29.8	30.0	29.4	33.8	61.0	74.8	20.1
Diarrhœa under two years	Nil	1.9	Nil	1.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Causes of Death	Ages at Death										
	Under 1 Month	1 month and under 6 months	6 months and under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
do. , other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
,, ,, , lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
,, ,, , breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
,, ,, , uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	6	8
Coronary disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	15
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	19	25
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	14
Other diseases of the respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostrate	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other defined and illdefined diseases	2	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	5	8
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	2		1				3	1	27	74	108

Causes of Infant Deaths :-

Intracranial Haemorrhage	1
Prematurity	1
Intussusception	1
Total	3

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The Day Nursery, at Cemetery Road, has given excellent service throughout the year.

Accommodation is available for forty children. Staff includes Matron (Mrs Mair, S.R.N.), Deputy Matron (Miss Largey, S.R.N.), Nurses, Probationers and Domestic Staff. Hours of duty 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Weekdays.

Three meals are provided ; training of the children is undertaken, and the Nursery is approved by the National Society of Children's Nurseries as a training centre for children's nurses. A training scheme for Probationers is in operation, which qualifies for the Nursery Nurses' Certificate.

ATTENDANCES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average Daily Attendance												
Under 2	8	7	10	9	12	11	14	10	11	10	4	9
Over 2	21	25	26	30	24	25	25	23	23	22	10	24
Number of Days Open	22	20	23	21	21	22	21	23	16	22	22	16

PROMOTION of CLEANLINESS and ELIMINATION of VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

Regular inspections are carried out in the schools by the Health Visitor, and advice given to the parents regarding cleansing.

A Special Hair Oil is now used for verminous conditions of the head due to lice and nits. Opportunity for re-infestation occurs most frequently during school vacations, and treatment was most successful where standards of maternal care were high.

HEALTH VISITING	1950
Number of Visits paid during the year by the Health Visitor :-	
(a) To Expectant Mothers	206
(b) To Children under 1 year	800
(c) To Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years	733
School Nursing Duties	
Visits to Schools	177
School Clinic	
The West Riding County Council is the Administrative Authority in this Area for School Medical Services, including the School Clinic. The Medical Officer of Health attends weekly for consultation.	
Number of Scholars who attended the Clinic ...	179
Infant Welfare Centre	
Total Number of attendances during the year :-	
By Infants under 1 year	2244
By Children 1 to 5 years	618
Total number of children who attended the Centre for the first time during the year, and who on the date of their first attendance were :-	
Under 1 year	148
Between 1 and 5 years	11
Total number of children attending the Centre during the year, who at the end of the year were :-	
Under 1 year	120
Between 1 and 5 years	225

During the last 4 months of the year a special clinic has been held for " Toddlers " once every two weeks. The children are sent for by appointment, 12-15 children being examined at each Session.

Home Help Service

A Service of Domestic Helps is provided by the Local Health Authority under the terms of section 29, National Health Service Act. Helps are provided, as the supply of personnel allows, for all types of sickness in the home, but absolute priority is given to Maternity Cases. As the service is controlled on a Divisional Basis, Domestic Helps resident outside Heckmondwike have been available for duty within the District.

Total No. of Home Help Cases in Heckmondwike in 1950	22
Maternity	6
Non-maternity	16
Total No. of hours	1931¾
Maternity	495
Non-maternity	1436¾
Total No. of Home Helps employed	14
Resident in Heckmondwike	4
Non-resident in Heckmondwike	10

ANNUAL REPORT OF HECKMONDWIKE ANTE-NATAL CLINIC, FOR 1950

During the year 1950, the number of patients seen at the Heckmondwike Ante-Natal Clinic was 140 including 46 carried forward from the previous year. The total attendances was 456 which works out to 3.25 per patient.

Details are given in accompanying table.

Speaking generally, the health of the mothers was good in spite of diet restrictions resulting from the high price of food and rationing difficulties. In this connection, it is gratifying to report that full use is being made of the supplementary foods provided by the State for expectant mothers.

Notwithstanding changes brought about by the National Health Service, full advantage is taken of the clinic. One reason for this is the routine examination of the blood of each expectant mother, the significance of which has evidently not escaped public attention and appreciation. At one time, it was with the greatest difficulty that mothers would have their blood examined, now they are only too eager to take advantage of this additional safeguard of their health. I should like to express my appreciation of the care and dispatch with which specimens are dealt with and the promptness with which the results are returned.

An analysis of the blood returns shows that of 83 specimens submitted, 69 were Rh+ve or 83.1 % and 14 Rh−ve or 16.9%. In addition 8 husbands of the 14 Rh−ve women volunteered to have their blood examined.

One of the outstanding features of the present time and which has an effect on the attendances at the clinic is the number of women engaged in full or part-time employment. Of itself, this is not wholly a bad thing but when the woman has, at the end of the day, her housework to do and perhaps a young family to care for, the strain involved is apt to show itself in sleeplessness, lassitude, loss of appetite and varicose veins due to prolonged standing. Set off against these disadvantages, is the increased income coming into the house each week which enables the mother to buy more and better food and better clothing.

The Post-Natal Clinic is again disappointing. 4 cases only were examined, the results of which are shown in accompanying table.

This report would be incomplete without tribute being paid to the work of the District Midwife and the Sister in charge of the clinic, both of whom have given loyal and devoted service.

AGNES W. JERVIS.

25th September, 1951.

Defects Classified

Alimentary and Respiratory	0
Circulatory	2
Hypertension	1
Toxæmia of Pregnancy	2
Deformed Pelvis	1
Varicose Veins	20
Anæmia	11
Pernicious Anæmia	1
Epilepsy	1
Defective Teeth and Pyorrhœa	21

Results of Labours

Normal Deliveries	53
Twins	1
Breech	1
Premature labour	1
Forceps for protracted labour	1
Cæsarean Section due to Toxæmia	1
Induction for Toxæmia	1
Still Birth due to untreated V.D.	1
Transferred to other districts	2
Not yet delivered	31

Post-Natal Clinic

Negative	1
Hæmorrhoids with visible thread worms	1
Retroversion	1
Vaginal discharge and excoriation	1

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

All Ambulance Services are now controlled by the West Riding County Council, under the terms of the National Health Services Act.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

The area is supplied with water by the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Board. The water is moorland surface water supplied direct from the mains to each house in the Area, and during the year has been sufficient in quantity, The reports of samples of water submitted for examination by the Engineer to the Water Board shows the following results :-

	No. of Samples taken	Number		
		Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Doubt-ful
Raw Water	15	6	6	3
Treated Water (going into supply)	154	137	5	12

Twelve samples of water taken from dwellinghouses in the District were found on bacteriological and chemical examination to be satisfactory.

Samples of water taken on two occasions during the year, and examined for the purpose of testing the plumbo solvent action of the supply, revealed a lead content of 1/70th grain per gallon in one sample of water after standing in pipe overnight and none in three other samples.

Thirty-four visits were paid to twenty dwellinghouses in respect of insufficient supply of water due to defective pipes or fittings and following informal notices an improved supply was provided in sixteen cases.

Sewerage and Drainage

There have been no extensions to existing sewers during the year, and there has been no extension of the sewage disposal works although work is proceeding for the installation of a new outfall channel and flume flow recorder.

In connection with drainage defects and reconstruction 92 visits have been made for the purpose of inspection and testing.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 65 water closets have been constructed in connection with new properties and 13 additional closets have been provided for existing properties as follows :-

Dwellinghouses	12
Factories	1

and the following conversions have taken place :-

Waste water closets to water closets (washdown) ...	4
Trough closets (automatic flush) to water closets (washdown)	11

Closet accommodation provided in the District is made up as follows :-

Water Closets	2336
Waste Water Closets	58
Privies	10
Chemical Closets	4

During the year 65 visits have been made in respect of closet accommodation and 19 notices served in respect of 48 nuisances or defects found in connection with 68 premises. 22 notices in respect of 49 nuisances or defects in connection with 76 premises have been complied with. Nuisances in this connection arise mainly in relation to closets or blocks of closets used in common.

Abatement of Nuisances

Number of Complaints received	115	
Number of Nuisances found during 1950 ...		324
Number of Nuisances outstanding at end of 1950		128
Total		452
Number of Nuisances abated during 1950 ...		290
Number of Nuisances outstanding at end of 1950		162

To secure the abatement of nuisances
145 Informal Notices, and
10 Statutory Notices were served.
and
125 Informal Notices, and
14 Statutory Notices were complied with.

The number of visits made in connection with the abatement of nuisances was 655.

Control of Infestation

Only two complaints of BED BUG infestation were received during the year but five houses were found upon inspection to be infested. In respect of these infestations two were treated by smoke generator type of insecticide and the remainder treated by occupiers following methods advised.

On account of the publicity given to efficient insecticides available for purchase little advice is sought in respect of infestations.

During the year 24 visits were made in connection with control of insect infestations.

RODENT CONTROL

The following is a report on the inspection and control in respect of rodent infestation during the year.

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	(i) Total	(ii) Number of properties in Area in which infestation was: Notified by Occupier	(iii) Otherwise dis-covered	(iv) Recorded Total of (ii) & (iii)	(v) Analysis of Column (iv) Number infested by: Rats: Major	(vi) Rats: Minor	(vii) Mice only
Local Authority's property	9	—	2	2	1	1	—
Dwellinghouse	2977	13	9	22	—	21	1
Business Premises	400	2	3	5	1	2	2
Agricultural prop'ty	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3395	15	14	29	2	24	3

Measures of Control

TYPE OF PROPERTY	No. of properties inspected	No. of Inspections made	No. of notices served under Section 4: Treatment	Wks.	Number of treatments carried out: By arrangement with Occupier: Rats	Mice only	Under Section 5 (1): Rats	Mice only	Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Sec. 6 (1) or by informal arrangement: No. of Bl'ks	Surface: No. of separate occupancies	Assoc'd sewers: Number of manholes treated
Local Authority's Property	3	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dwellinghouse	44	70	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business premises	15	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agricultural Property	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	62	104	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sewer Maintenance

Two test baiting applications have been made, one being of a portion of the sewer system and the other a test of the whole. Following a report on the second test made in October a comprehensive treament of the sewers in the Area was recommended by the Divisional Rodent Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, but owing to labour difficulties this was not possible before the end of the year.

Structural Works

Drainage repairs were carried out in respect of eight premises and structural improvements made in the case of six other premises.

Administration

No proceedings were taken under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

No special circumstances were found to which any undue presence of rats and mice in the district could be attributed.

Smoke Abatement

Three observations of 30 minutes duration were taken during the year but no excessive emission of black smoke was noted.

Caravan

In order to deal with one caravan for which a licence to station and use was refused by the Council, a dwellinghouse was requisitioned and the family concerned was rehoused. The caravan was removed and none has since been stationed in the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection is in operation throughout the whole of the District, two vehicles of 7 cub. yard capacity being used.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on land situate at the Sewage Works.

Number of metal dustbins in use				3013
Number of ashpits in use				46
	T.	C.	Q.	lbs.
Total weight of refuse collected ...	2041	12	0	
Average weight of refuse per house		13	2	22

The net cost of collection and disposal of refuse amounts to £2,960. 18s. 10d., giving a cost of

19s. 11d. per house
£353 6s. 9d. per thousand poulation
and £1 9s. 0½d. per ton

The following is a summary of salvage collected and sold during the year.

	T.	C.	Q.
Paper	89	15	2
Ferrous Metals	3	2	0
Textiles		8	0
Bones	7	16	2

The value of salvaged materials sold £606. 8s. 11d.

There is no organised collection of Kitchen Waste by the Council, but 49 waste bins are maintained and rented to local pig keepers who have adequate means for sterilization.

In connection with arrangements for refuse collection and salvage 185 visits were made.

During the year 404 visits were made regarding storage accommodation for refuse and in this connection

92 Informal Notices, and
4 Statutory Notices were served,
and
102 Informal Notices, and
4 Statutory Notices were complied with.

The number of defective dustbins replaced was ... 96

The number of additional dustbins provided for
(a) Existing houses 6
(b) New houses 35

The number of ashpits abolished 12

The number of dustbins provided in lieu of ashpits ... 64

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

INSPECTIONS made for purposes of Factories Acts (1937-1948) Provisions as to health

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	26	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	96	30	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	6	7	2	—
TOTAL	128	37	5	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniencies (S.7.)					
(a) insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	1	—	1	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	3	—	1	—

Shops

Ten inspections have been made of shops and in one case informal notice was given in respect of insufficient and unsuitable closet accommodation.

HOUSING

Overcrowding

	Dwellings	Families	Persons
1. Number of cases of Overcrowding at end of **1949**	69	75	400
2. Number of new cases of Overcrowding **reported** during **1950**	29	42	164
3. Number of cases of Overcrowding **relieved** during **1950**	33	41	190
4. Number of cases of Overcrowding at the end of **1950**	65	76	374

Erection of Houses

During the year 35 new dwellinghouses, made up as follows, were completed and occupied :-

LOCAL AUTHORITY —

Traditional type (2 bedroom)	18
Traditional type (3 bedroom)	11
Traditional type (4 bedroom)	1

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE —

Traditional type	5

Re-housing

The number of houses let by the Council during the year was 40, of which 12 were let to families without separate homes, and the number of persons re-housed was 153.

During the year five exchanges between Council Estate houses and privately owned houses have been authorised.

In addition to the above lettings by the Council the following number of changes in tenancy of other houses took place :-

1. To persons not previously being householders ...	46
2. To persons being householders and :-	
(a) resident in Heckmondwike	35
(b) resident outside Heckmondwike	41

Demand for Houses

A revised Housing Application Register shows a decrease of 73 in the number of applications from that at the end of 1949. The number at the end of 1950 being 209. This total can be classified as follows :-

I. Applications from Heckmondwike residents :-

(a) having separate homes, with

(i)	insufficient accommodation	72
(ii)	sufficient accommodation	42

(b) sharing homes, with

(i)	insufficient accommodation	25
(ii)	sufficient accommodation	13

II. Applications from persons resident outside Heckmondwike :-

(a) having separate homes, with

(i)	insufficient accommodation	22
(ii)	sufficient accommodation	23

(b) sharing homes, with

(i)	insufficient accommodation	8
(ii)	sufficient accommodation	4

Forty-three applicants have intimated that they do not wish to be considered for the tenancy of houses on the new Dale Lane Estate.

Of the 76 families known to be overcrowded, only 20 have submitted applications for Council houses, and many of the other have stated that they do not wish to be re-housed, particularly in the post-war houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat

There is one Licensed Slaughterhouse in the District at which only pigs of domestic pig keepers have been slaughtered. The carcases and organs of two pigs slaughtered at these premises were inspected at the time of slaughter.

A portion of the licensed slaughterhouse is used as a Meat Distribution Centre for the District and regular visits are made regarding the handling of meat.

On several occasions the attention of the Local Butchers' Committee and the Transport Contractor was drawn to the unsatisfactory vehicle and methods used in the distribution of meat. Some improvement was made in the method of handling meat during distribution and an improved type of vehicle was to be put into use at the end of the year.

Milk

Number of Registered Distributors	25
Number of Producer/Retailers distributing milk within the District (not registered)	13
Number of Producer/Wholesalers (not registered) ...	2

DESIGNATED MILK-LICENSES

Tuberculin Tested	-	Dealers	3
		Supplementary	7
Pasteurised	-	Dealers	3
		Supplementary	8
Sterilized	-	Dealers	24

Ice Cream

Number of Premises registered for the Manufacture of Ice Cream 1
(In this case the " cold mix " method is used)

Number of Premises registered for the Sale of Ice Cream 18
(In thirteen cases "pre-wrapped " ice cream only is sold)

During the year 25 visits have been made in connection with the sale and manufacture of ice cream. All vehicles from which ice cream is sold are fitted with an overall roof covering and adequate side screens, and facilities for hand washing and the cleansing of servers &c., are provided.

Handling and Distribution of Food

Byelaws made under the provisions of Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, with respect to the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air came into operation within the District on the 10th July, 1950.

A copy of the Byelaws was handed personally to the occupiers of 117 retail food premises and to 22 Market Foodstall Holders, and copies sent to the following :-

Co-operative Society	15 premises.
Multiple Grocery Firm ...	3 premises.
Factories	9 canteens.
Breweries	16 licensed houses.

Since the coming into operation of the Byelaws inspections have been made of five food delivery vehicles and verbal cautions given. On inspection of food premises the attention of occupiers has been drawn to requirements of the Byelaws.

During the year 41 visits have been paid to markets.

Food Premises

The following is a summary of inspections made of food premises :-

Bakehouses	7
Meat Shops	20
Food Preparing Premises	18
General Foodshops	21
Cafe Kitchens	22

Two unsatisfactory meat shops were closed during the year, in one case new premises were obtained and in the other facilities were offered by another butcher until suitable alternative accommodation was found.

Premises at which potato crisps were prepared were found to be unsatisfactory and the business was discontinued.

Food Inspection

The total weight of foodstuffs found upon inspection to be unfit for human consumption, and destroyed, was :-

12 cwts. 2 qrs. 23 lb.

Sanitary Inspection of District (Summary)

The following is a summary of visits made during the year in connection with the sanitary inspection of the District :-

	Number of Visits
Premises re abatement of Nuisances (Structural)	585
Accumulations	3
Animals or Birds	2
Stables	2
Piggeries	2
Drainage—Testing	23
Inspection	69
Closets—Water	65
Refuse Accommodation	404
Verminous Premises	24
Houses Let in Lodgings	2
Infectious Diseases	40
Tents, Vans, Sheds, &c.	6
Public Conveniences	2
Refuse, Collection and Disposal, and Salvage ...	185
Offensive Trades	2
Public Swimming Bath	3
Water Supply	34
Waste of Water	3
General Foodshops	21
Meat Shops	20
Meat Regulations	9
Bakehouses	7
Cafe Kitchens	22
Food Preparing Premises	18
Food Vans	5
Markets (Inspection of Food Stalls)	41
Premises re Inspection of Food	24
Slaughterhouse	3
Ice Cream—Vendors	3
Shops	20
Manufacturer	2
Milk Distribution	7
Rodent Control	104
Housing—Overcrowding	81
Rehousing	37
Shops (Shops Act)	10
Factories—Mechanical	30
Smoke Observations	3
Sampling—Water	17
Mortuary	6
Miscellaneous Visits, Interviews, &c.	817

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

From 1947 to1950 notifications received in respect of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis) distributed as follows :-

	1947	1948	1949	1950
Scarlet Fever	15	22	12	11
Whooping Cough	24	52	51	23
Diphtheria	1	1	1	Nil
Measles	68	100	27	162
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	4	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	1	5	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	—	2	1	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ...	—	1	—	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	1	—	1
Chicken Pox	—	1	1	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	12

Scarlet Fever

All the cases were of a mild type. Nine cases were removed to hospital.

Measles

There were no fatal cases during 1950.

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified during 1950.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

At the end of the year the following return was made to the Ministry of Health.

	Under 5	5—15
Estimated Number of Children in Authority's Area at 31st December, 1949	774	1076
Number of Children Immunised	520	1065

Tuberculosis

New Cases	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	1	1	2

	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
Age Groups	Male	Female	Male	Female
0- 1	—	—	—	—
1- 5	—	—	1	—
5-10	—	—	—	1
10-15	—	—	—	—
15-20	—	1	—	—
20-25	—	—	—	—
25-35	—	—	—	—
35-45	—	—	—	—
45-55	—	—	—	—
55-65	1	—	—	—
65 and Over	—	—	—	—

Cases of Tuberculosis

	PULM.		NON-PULM.	
	M	F	M	F
(a) No. on Register at commencement of year	15	12	7	6
(b) No. of cases notified for first time during year	1	1	1	1
(c) No. of cases restored to Register	1	—	—	—
(d) No. of cases removed from Register	1	1	—	—
(e) No. of cases remaining on Register	16	12	8	7

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